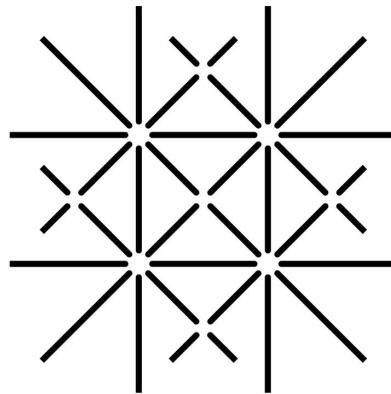


# Isotropic Diffusion Source Approximation (IDSA, Liebendörfer et al. 2009)

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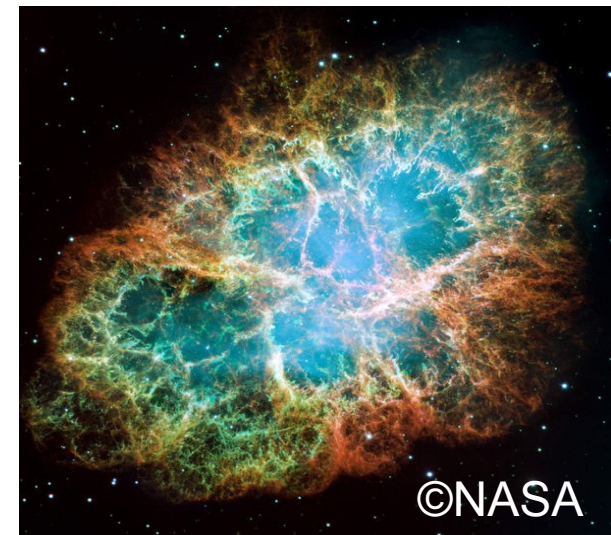
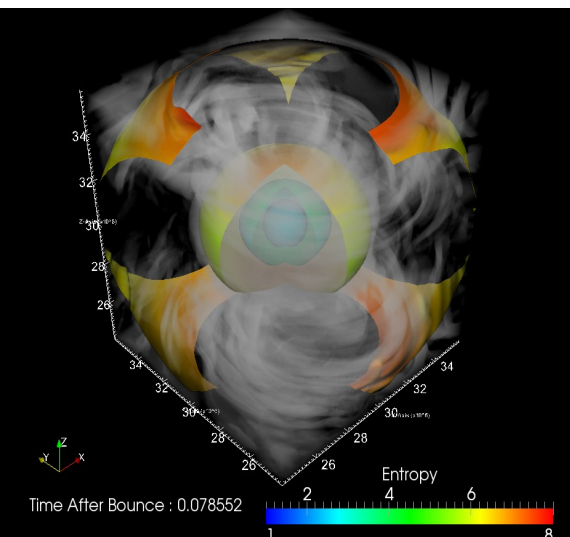
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*"The **IDSA** implements the necessary---but only  
the necessary  
---neutrino physics for productive 3D supernova  
models"*

*M. Liebendörfer, Aug. 09*

*Or: how to breathe life into the stalled shock wave in 3D.*



# Outline

- Multi-dimensional requirements for a core collapse supernova code.
- IDSA (For simplicity explained spherically symmetry).
- Verification for spherically symmetric SN models.

# The Core Collapse scenario

(SN-Mechanism see e.g. Bethe & Wilson (1985), Buras et al. (2006), Mezzacappa et al. (2006), Janka et al. (2007), Marek & Janka (2007), Foglizzo et al. (2007), Burrows et al. (2006),...)

- Explosion powered by gravitational binding energy of forming compact remnant.

$$E_b \approx 3 \times 10^{53} \left( \frac{M}{M_\odot} \right)^2 \left( \frac{R}{10\text{km}} \right)^{-1} \text{ erg}$$

- $O(10^{51})$  erg kinetic & internal energy of ejecta.

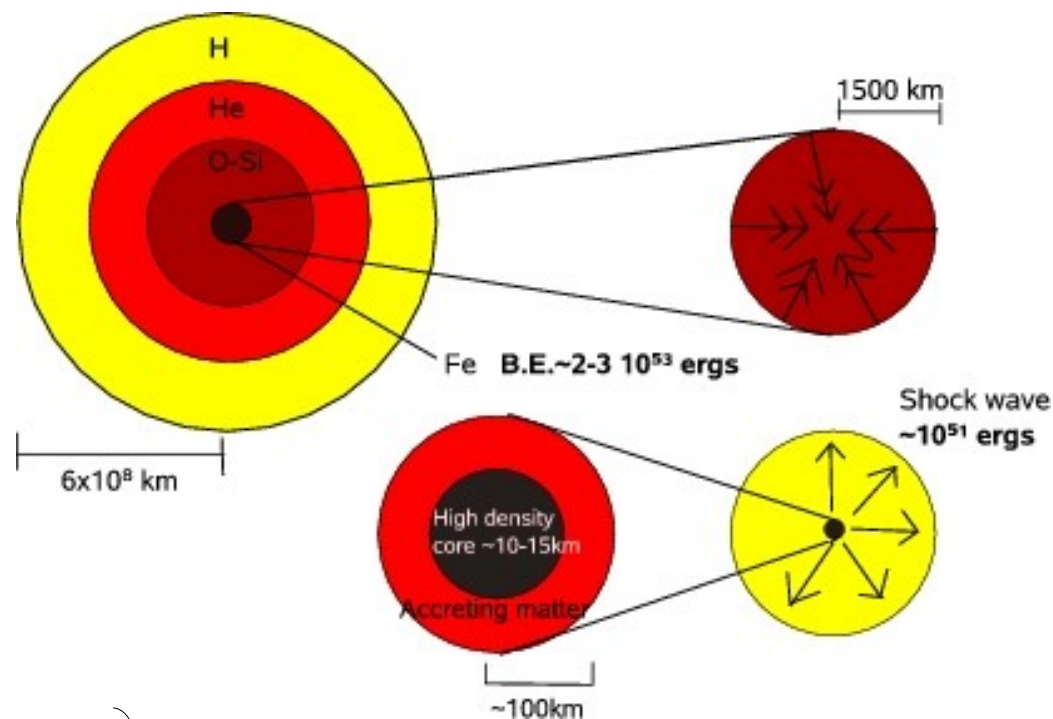
- 99% of energy radiated as neutrinos.

- Shock loses kinetic energy to neutrinos and dissociation of iron group nuclei  $\sim 8.8\text{MeV/ nucleon}$ .

- Shock wave stalls. **“prompt mechanism” fails.**

- What is SN-mechanism that revives the shock for an explosion?

- **Neutrino mechanism** (e.g. Bethe & Wilson (1985))
- **Enhanced (SASI/convection-aided) Neutrino driven mechanism** (e.g. Buras et al. (2006), Mezzacappa et al. (2006), Marek & Janka (2007),...)
- **Acoustic Mechanism** (Burrows et al. 2006)
- **MHD-JET** (e.g. Akiyama(2003), Wilson(2005), Kotake (2006), Burrows et al.(2007),...)
- **QCD phase transition** (Sagert, Fischer et al. (2008))



**most scenarios rely on 3D effects!**

# 3D Models with neutrinos

- Multi-Dimensional Hydrodynamics  
no explosions in general in 1D, e.g. Thompson et al. (2003),  
Rampp & Janka (2002), Liebendörfer et al. (2002/2005))

- Plasmaphysics (Magnetic fields)

Magnetohydrodynamics (MHD):  
~ 10 variable per fluid element; not a problem

-Full Boltzmann neutrino transport in 3D:

1 fluid element contains 4 types x 20 energies x 100 angles = 8000 variables  
For 3D domain with  $1000^3$  cells → **64TB memory per time step required.**

-Not possible on today's supercomputers.

-Don't want to run a single simulation for several months (useless e.g. for GW parameter study; numerical errors can sum up...)

-Need to rely on simplifications!

-Basel code **ELEPHANT**:  $Y_e$ -parametrisation during collapse, **IDSA** postbounce  
(**E**legant **P**arallel **H**ydrodynamics with **A**pproximate **N**eutrino **T**ransport)

# Conceptual ansatz of the IDSA

- Goal: implement the **dominant features** of radiative/neutrino transfer efficiently.
- → Transport of electron neutrino and antineutrino.
- To do this we decompose problem into different subdomains and apply appropriate algorithms for each.
- Each subdomain can use a different method.
- Neutrino **opaque** & **transparent** region.

# Decomposition

Decompose the distribution function  $f$  of transported particles

$$f = f^t + f^s$$

$f^t$  = Trapped particles – opaque regime

$f^s$  = Streaming particles – transparent regime

Boltzmann equation:  $D(f = f^t + f^s) = C = C^t + C^s$

The two components are evolved separately:

$$D(f^t) = C^t - \Sigma$$

$$D(f^s) = C^s + \Sigma$$

$\Sigma$ : isotropic **diffusion source** term, converts trapped into streaming particles and vice versa.

# Evolution of trapped component

Assumptions:

- Distribution function  $f^T$  is isotropic:  $f^t = f^t(t,r,E)$
- Source function  $\Sigma$  is isotropic

Angular integration reduces Boltzmann equation to (co-moving frame):

$$\frac{df^t}{cdt} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{d \ln \rho}{cdt} E \frac{\partial f^t}{\partial E} = j - (j + \chi) f^t - \Sigma$$

Evolution of trapped particles must reproduce correct diffusion limit.

- particles slowly drain or replenish in a fluid element.

Comparison with diffusion gives diffusion source  $\Sigma$ .

Collision integral in the diffusion limit:

$$s = \frac{df_0}{cdt} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{\partial \ln \rho}{c \partial t} E \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} - \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{r^2}{3(j + \chi + \phi)} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial r} \right)$$



# The diffusion source $\Sigma$

Comparison with diffusion limit suggests the  $\Sigma$ :

$$\Sigma = \min \left\{ \max \left[ \alpha + (j + \chi) \frac{1}{2} \int f^s d\mu, 0 \right], j \right\}$$

- $\alpha$  is diffusive.

- $\lambda$  mean free path.

-second term of RHS is absorption of streaming particles.

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{r^2} \left( \frac{-\lambda}{3} \frac{\partial f^t}{\partial r} \right) \quad \lambda = \frac{1}{j + \chi + \phi}$$

Min, Max conditions prevent unphysical particle fluxes!

-Upper limit: emissivity of matter ( $\Sigma \leq j$ ).

-Lower limit: matter equilibrium ( $0 \leq \Sigma$ ).

# Streaming component

Streaming component weakly coupled to matter.

Laboratory frame more convenient (cumbersome energy-terms drop).

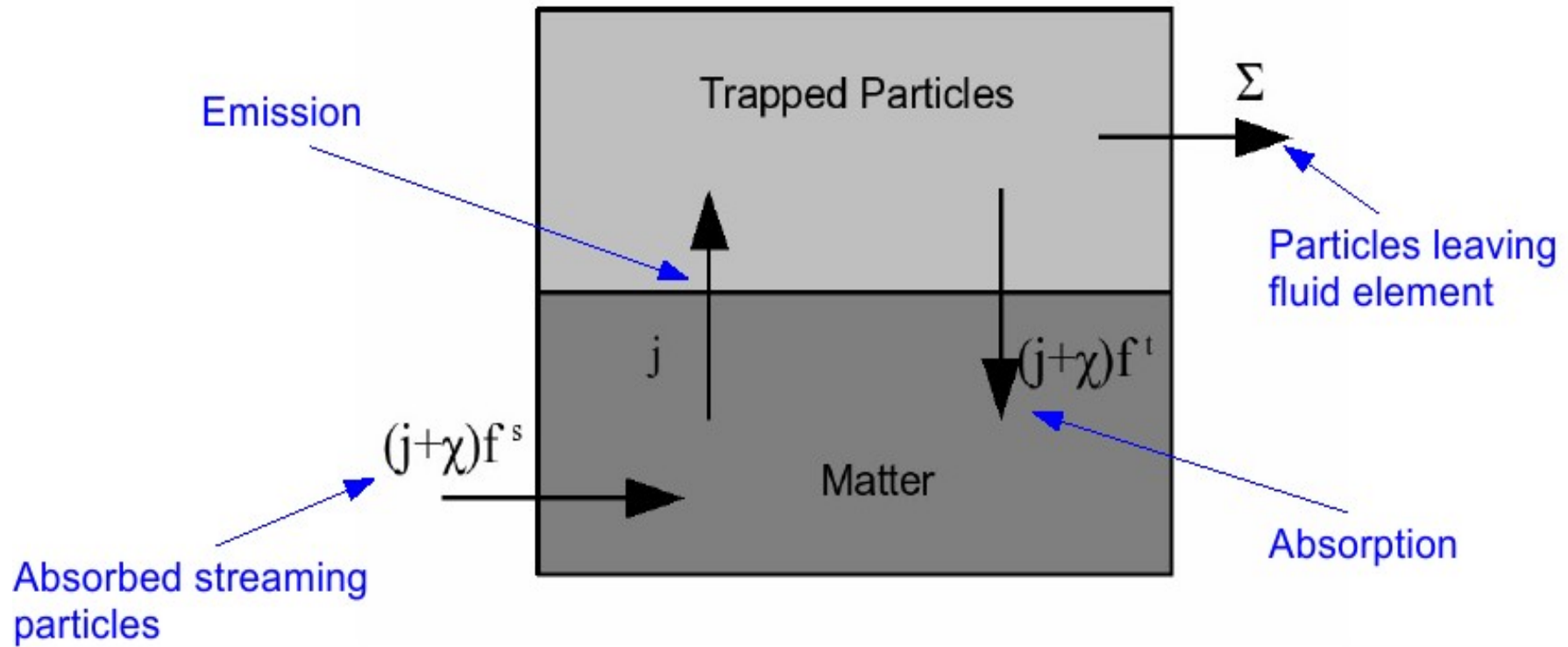
Transport equation becomes:

$$\frac{\partial \hat{f}^s}{c \partial \hat{t}} + \hat{\mu} \frac{\partial \hat{f}^s}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} (1 - \hat{\mu}^2) \frac{\partial \hat{f}^s}{\partial \hat{\mu}} = - (\hat{j} + \hat{\chi}) \hat{f}^s + \hat{\Sigma}$$

Stationary state approximation (can drop  $d/dt$ -term).

All sources are assumed to be **isotropic**.  
 → Integration over angles: poisson equation.

# A fluid element



# Coupling to Hydrodynamics

Use thermal spectrum for  $f^t$ :  $f_l^t(E) = \{\exp[\beta_l(E - \mu_l)] + 1\}^{-1}$

This assumption is only made for trapped particles within a fluid element.

Streaming particles, which communicate between fluid elements, keep their detailed spectral information.

Characterise the thermal equilibrium by a

-neutrino fraction  $Y^T$ :

$$Y^t = \frac{m_b}{\rho} \frac{4\pi}{(hc)^3} \int f^t E^2 dE d\mu$$

-particle mean specific energy  $Z^T$ :

$$Z^t = \frac{m_b}{\rho} \frac{4\pi}{(hc)^3} \int f^t E^3 dE d\mu$$

# Coupling to Hydrodynamics II

Conservation law of Hydrodynamics:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} U + \frac{\partial}{r^2 \partial r} (r^2 F) = 0$$

U: vector of primitive variables

F: flux vector

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \rho v \\ \rho \left( e + \frac{1}{2} v^2 \right) \\ \rho Y_e \\ \rho Y_l^t \\ (\rho Z_l^t)^{\frac{3}{4}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad F = \begin{pmatrix} v \rho \\ v \rho v + p \\ v \rho \left( e + \frac{1}{2} v^2 + \frac{p}{\rho} \right) \\ v \rho Y_e \\ v \rho Y_l^t \\ v (\rho Z_l^t)^{\frac{3}{4}} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Movie

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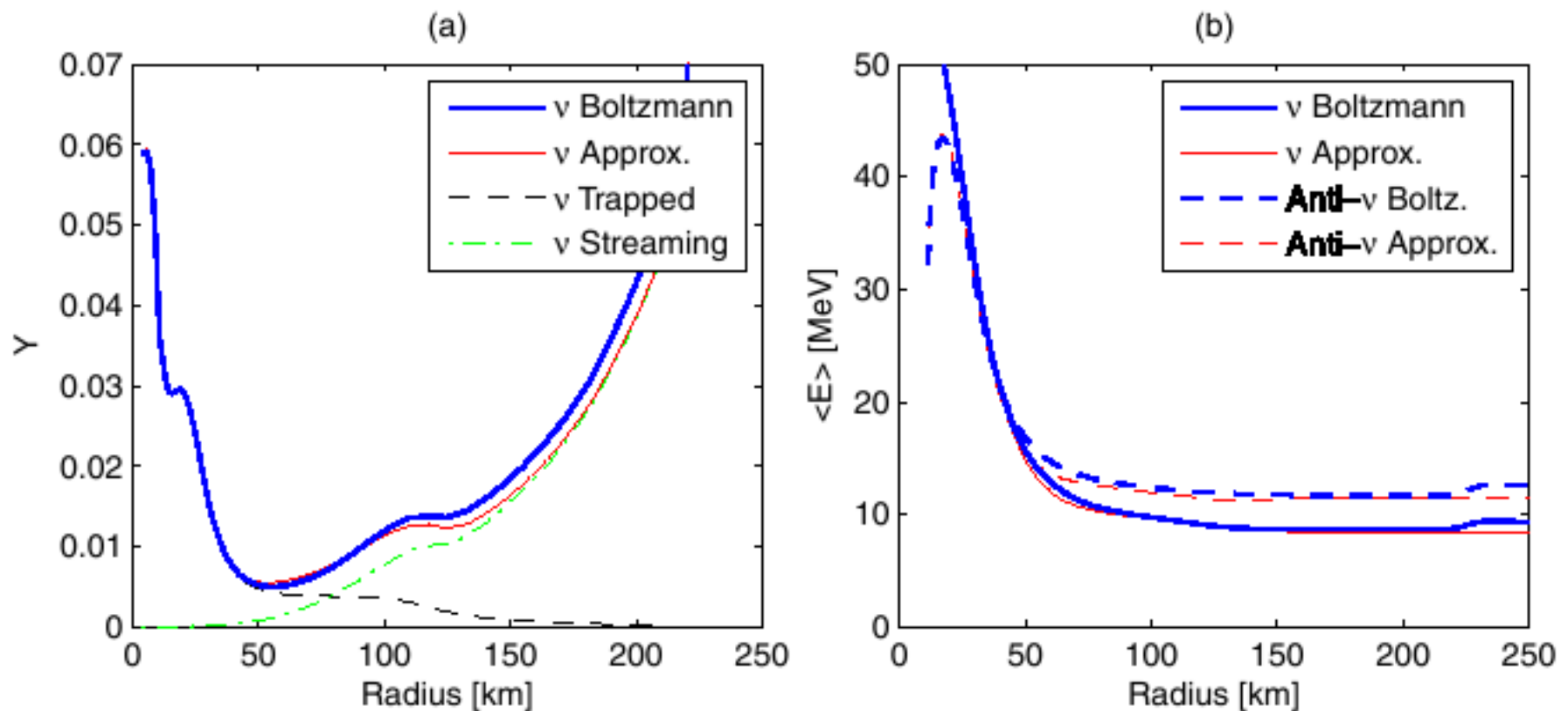
### Initial conditions:

-  $\Omega_{i,\text{central}} = 0$  [rad/sec]

- EoS: LS(K=180)

- 15Msol (WW95)

# Neutrino abundance & mean energy 150 ms post-bounce

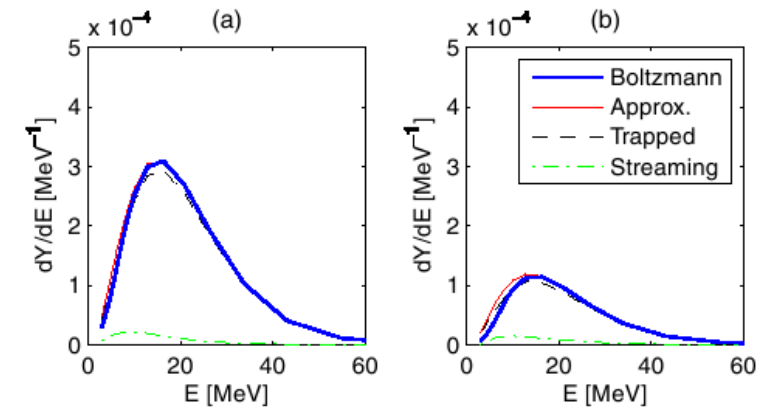
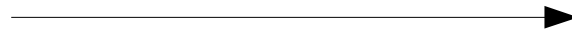


note IDSA: ~several 10 x faster than solving 1D GR Boltzmann transport equation.

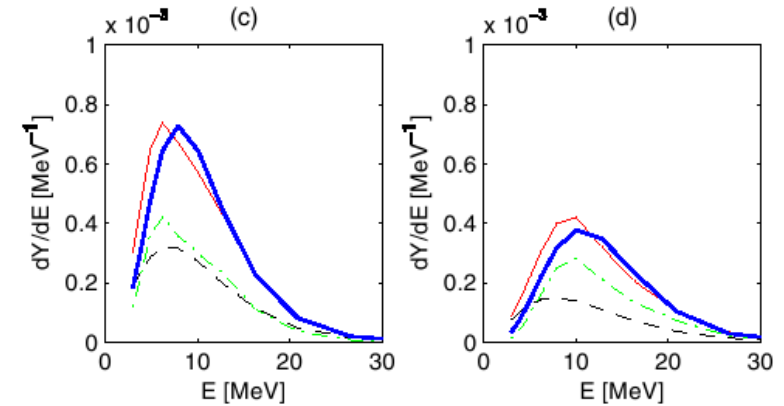
# Comparison of IDSA spectra

**Figure:** Particle spectra 150ms after bounce.

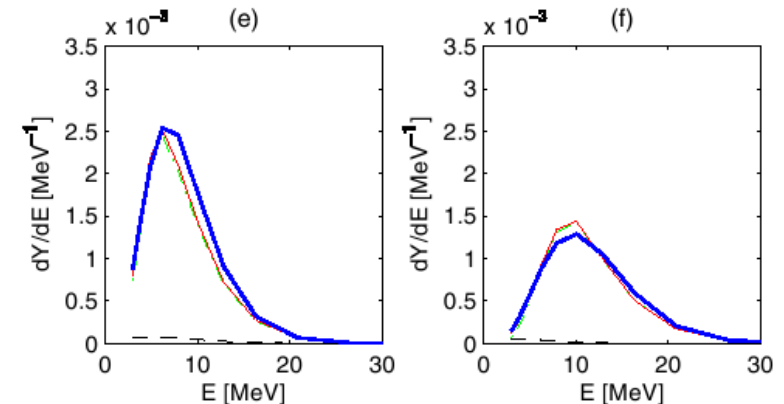
at 40 km radius  
(trapped regime)



at 80 km radius  
(semi-transparent regime)



at 160 km radius  
(free streaming)





# Conclusions

- IDSA is an efficient way of including the neutrino transport in 3D core collapse supernovae.
- Agrees well with spherically symmetric Boltzmann transport with same input physics.
- Contains ONLY the necessary neutrino physics for productive 3D models of core collapse supernova postbounce phase. (The IDSA does not contain the neutrino-electron scattering that is essential in the collapse phase, we will treat the collapse phase with the parametrisation scheme.)
- Soon:  $\mu/\tau$  - cooling by a leakage scheme. (→Albino Perego)
- Algorithm could be applied to other areas of astrophysics (e.g. accretion discs, star formation).